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SUBJECT: FRG INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING ON NUCLEAR EXPORT
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1. (SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING ON NUCLEAR EXPORT REGULATION
NOVEMBER 5 BROUGHT MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, MINISTRY
OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND THE
FEDERAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS (FOIE) TOGETHER FOR
A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO LIMIT EXPORTS, BUT
REACHED FEW IMMEDIATE CONCLUSIONS. DAHLHOFF (FOREIGN
OFFICE) DISTRIBUTED LIST OF EXPLOSIVES-RELATED ITEMS ON
THE US NUCLEAR REFERRAL LIST (NRL) SUPPLIED REFTEL, ALONG
WITH THE UK GENERIC LIST OF SIMILAR ITEMS FOR WHICH CON-
TROLS ARE TIGHTER THAN IN THE FRG.

3. OFFICIALS FROM FOIE WILL GO OVER THE LISTS IN DETAIL

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AND RECOMMEND ADDING ITEMS TO THE FRG PROSCRIBED LIST OR UPDATING PARAMETERS THAT DETERMINE EXPORTABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS.

4. IN THIS REGARD THE PEOPLE AT THE MEETING NOTED THAT THE COPY OF THE NRL THEY ARE WORKING WITH DATES FROM AUGUST 1980 AND THAT PARAMETERS FOR SOME ITEMS (SUCH AS HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSES) HAVE RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED. FOR THIS REASON, DAHLHOFF HAS REQUESTED A COPY OF THE LATEST NRL TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIST OF ITEM NUMBERS WE GAVE HIM FOR THE MEETING.

5. THE MEETING ALSO REFERRED TO A RECENT CALL BY THE UK AMBASSADOR ON FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER SECRETARY LAUTEN-SCHLAGER REQUESTING STRICTER FRG CONTROLS ON EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS TO PAKISTAN. DAHLHOFF CLAIMS, HOWEVER, THAT IT'S EASIER FOR THE UK TO RESTRICT SUCH EXPORTS THAN FOR THE FRG, SINCE EVERYTHING HERE IS SUBJECT TO LEGAL APPEAL AND REVIEW.

6. PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WERE PREDICTABLY RELUCTANT FOR THE FRG TO APPLY STRICTER CONTROLS THAN ANY OTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLIER, AND THERE WAS SENTIMENT FOR CONCERTED ACTION THAT WOULD AFFECT ALL COUNTRIES EQUALLY. IN THIS RESPECT, THERE WAS MENTION OF THE POSSIBILITY THE US OR THE UK MIGHT TAKE SOME INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN RESTRICTING NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO NON-COCOM COUNTRIES.

7. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S SUGGESTION THAT TRAINING IN USE OF A TECHNOLOGY BE RESTRICTED IF THE TECHNOLOGY ITSELF WERE RESTRICTED AROUSED LITTLE INITIAL INTEREST. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD SCHENK'S CENTRIFUGE ROTOR BALANCING SEMINAR IN MIND.

8. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WHEN THE FOIE EXPERTS HAD HAD A CHANCE TO COMPARE THE US AND UK LISTS WITH THE FRG LIST AND TO COME UP WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE KEY FOIE PEOPLE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE COCOM LIST REVIEW, SO THEY ARE SPREAD THIN FOR THE TIME BEING. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS STARTED A USEFUL PROCESS THAT COULD LEAD TO RESULTS IN TIME, HOWEVER.

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9. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND US A COPY OF THE
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